

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 6/5/01)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: VDOT Six-Year Road Construction Program – FY2001-02 to FY06-07

Each year the Commonwealth Transportation Board gives the Board of Supervisors an opportunity to make known the County's priorities with respect to road construction projects in the Interstate, Primary, and Urban systems. The Board accomplishes this through the adoption of a resolution that is presented at the annual Pre-allocation Hearing for the Hampton Roads District. The date for this year's Hampton Roads District Pre-Allocation Hearing is July 12, 2001.

The project listing adopted by the Board last year is presented in the table below. This table also includes the current status of last year's projects according to information obtained from VDOT.

Interstate System		
I-64	Widen to 6 lanes between Route 17 and Route 105 using a design that will accommodate the ultimate design of 8 lanes (6 general purpose lanes and 2 high-occupancy vehicle lanes) between I-664 and Route 199, in accordance with the I-64 Major Investment Study. Included should be early deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology along the Interstate corridor.	Preliminary engineering is underway for 2 additional lanes between Jefferson Avenue-south (at Patrick Henry Mall) and Jefferson Avenue-north (at Lee Hall) as well as for the segment from Lee Hall to Route 199 (at Water Country). Construction of the Jefferson Avenue to Jefferson Avenue segment could start in 2005.
National Highway System		
Route 17	Widen to 6 lanes and reconstruct intersections between Routes 171 and 173	Construction of a third northbound lane between Burts Road and Wolftrap Road has been completed recently. The County and VDOT are continuing to discuss the possible transfer of funding from the Route 17 widening project north of Route 105 (already funded) to segments of the southern portion of the corridor.
Route 105	Widen to 4 lanes between Route 17 and Newport News city line	Approved and funded; Construction tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-2002
Surface Transportation System		
Route 105	Extend Fort Eustis Blvd between Route 17 and Goodwin Neck Road/Seaford Road	Because of the County's success in obtaining regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for this project, no additional state funding is currently needed for this project. The estimated construction start date is Fall, 2002.
Route 238	Channelize Baptist Road intersection, provide positive drainage and improve driving surface through this intersection.	Preliminary engineering for this project has been completed, but no funds have been programmed for right-of-way acquisition or construction.
State Primary System		
Route 171	Widen to 4 lanes divided between Route 134 and the Poquoson city line, providing turn lanes at intersections	Not included in VDOT six-year plan.

Route 171	Widen to 6 lanes divided between Route 17 and Route 134	Not included in VDOT six-year plan. County has contributed to preliminary design and drainage improvements through the Revenue Sharing Program
Route 171	Widen to 6 lanes divided between Route 134 and Big Bethel Road, providing turn lanes at intersections	Not included in VDOT six-year plan.

RECOMMENDATION

I do not propose any changes to the list of projects previously endorsed by the Board. As the Board is aware, the Virginia Department of Transportation has agreed in concept to scale-back the Route 17 widening project north of Fort Eustis Boulevard (already funded) and to consider re-allocating some of the resultant cost savings to the southerly segments of the Route 17 corridor. This is a positive step in the effort to improve Route 17. However, re-allocation alone will not be sufficient to make the needed improvements. Therefore, I believe that additional funding for Route 17 improvements should continue to be a primary focus of the County's request during this year's pre-allocation process. In addition, given the impending development around the Route 17/171 intersection, I recommend that the six-laning of Route 171 between Routes 17 and 134 be emphasized as a priority.

All of the listed projects have been endorsed previously by the Commission and found to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as required under Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia and the Commission re-affirmed its support of this list of projects at its May 9th meeting. I recommend adoption of attached proposed Resolution No. R01-113 to establish the Board's list of project requests and priorities for presentation at the July 12th Pre-Allocation hearing.

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Attachment

- Proposed Resolution No. R01-113